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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 2-11, with the following amended paragraph:

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The thickness of the layers 12 and 14 are not critical, and may be varied depending on the geometry of the disk drives. In general, the thicker the substrate the more rigidity, better performance and ease of processing, and this is preferred if the drive design will accommodate the thicker substrate. The inventors have found however, that to provide the greatest strength and damping qualities, it is preferred for the core layer 12 to have a greater thickness than the skin layer 14. However, this is not a requirement and the core layer 12 can be of the same thickness as, or a lesser thickness of, the skin layer 14. In the preferred embodiment, the substrate 5 has three layers, one core layer and two skin layers, and the core layer is comprised of ~~polyetherimide~~ polyetherimide filled with mineral particles, and the skin layers are comprised of pure ~~polyetherimide~~ polyetherimide.